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1. In reference 1 (Current Activities of the Former Kriminalrat Johann SANITZER) [redacted] made the following statement:

"As you may recall, the members of the Sonderkommando FARNWITZ charged with the Paris end of EQUAL were never found and must be presumed in Soviet hands".

2. The staff here at headquarters which has charge of the reports on EQUAL and has completed numerous studies of the case has advised us that this statement is somewhat erroneous, as a comparatively large number of the personnel of Sonderkommando FARNWITZ were located and debriefed after the war. These included Rolf Werner RICHTER, Waldemar LENTZ, Hans KURPLAS, Heinrich REISER (now with ZIPPAN), KOPKOW, Walter BARCKNER, and Willy BERG.

3. In reference 2 (Subject: EQUAL - Heinrich REISER), dated 31 October 1950 and sent to Karlsruhe, the above-mentioned staff pointed out that the lengthy studies of interrogations of EQUAL personnel included many who were connected with the Sonderkommando FARNWITZ. Reference 2 also points out that a copy of the final four-volume "Liquidation Report" on EQUAL published by the British during 1949 was sent to Karlsruhe in January 1950.

4. Although we feel that at least part of this information has come to your attention and possibly provided leads for you in your search for former AMT IV 2 personnel, there is nevertheless the possibility that you have not been kept fully informed. We are therefore taking the liberty of bringing the matter to your attention.

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